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**2022: THE YEAR OF CHRIST CONSCIOUSNESS**

## **The reality of Governing myself: Pro Choice**

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### **You can make a choice**

#### **Deuteronomy 30:19 Easy-to-Read Version**

**"Today I am giving you a choice of two ways.** And I ask heaven and earth to be witnesses of your choice. You can choose life or death. The first choice will bring a blessing. The other choice will bring a curse. So choose life! Then you and your children will live.

#### **Joshua 24:15 New International Version**

**But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve,** whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

### **The Purpose of Choice for the Believer**

- **To receive and appreciate His Grace**
- **To show your future is according to what you ignore, your doubt, or your faith.**

#### **Matthew 9:29 New International Version**

Then he touched their eyes and said, **"According to your faith let it be done to you";**

#### **Matthew 9:29-31 The Message**

29-31 He touched their eyes and said, **"Become what you believe."** It happened. They saw. Then Jesus became very stern. "Don't let a soul know how this happened." But they were hardly out the door before they started blabbing it to everyone they met.

**Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 (1973),[1] was a landmark decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in which the Court ruled that the Constitution of the United States protects a pregnant woman's liberty to choose to have an abortion without excessive government restriction. The decision struck down many U.S. federal and state abortion laws.[2][3] Roe fueled an ongoing abortion debate in the United States about whether or to what extent abortion should be legal, who should decide the legality of abortion, and what the role of moral and religious views in the political sphere should be. It also shaped debate concerning which methods the Supreme Court should use in constitutional adjudication.**

**The decision involved the case of Norma McCorvey—known by the legal pseudonym "Jane Roe"—who in 1969 became pregnant with her third child. McCorvey wanted an abortion but lived in Texas, where abortion was illegal except when necessary to save the mother's life. Her attorneys, Sarah Weddington and Linda Coffee, filed a lawsuit on her behalf in U.S. federal court against her local district attorney, Henry Wade, alleging that Texas's abortion laws were unconstitutional. A three-judge panel of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas heard the case and ruled in her favor. Texas then appealed directly to the U.S. Supreme Court.**

**In January 1973, the Supreme Court issued a 7–2 decision in McCorvey's favor ruling that the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides a "right to privacy" that protects a pregnant woman's right to choose whether to have an abortion. It also ruled that this right is not absolute and must be balanced against governments' interests in protecting women's health and prenatal life.[4][5] The Court resolved this balancing test by tying state regulation of abortion to the three trimesters of pregnancy: during the first trimester, governments could not prohibit abortions at all; during the second trimester, governments could require reasonable health regulations; during the third trimester, abortions could be prohibited entirely so long as the laws contained exceptions for cases when they were necessary to save the life or health of the mother.[5] The Court classified the right to choose to have an abortion as "fundamental", which required courts to evaluate challenged abortion laws under the "strict scrutiny" standard, the highest level of judicial review in the United States.[6]**

**The Court's ruling in Roe was criticized by some in the legal community,[7] and some called the decision an example of judicial activism.[8] The Supreme Court revisited and modified Roe's legal rulings in its 1992 decision Planned**

**Parenthood v. Casey.[9] In Casey, the Court reaffirmed Roe's holding that a woman's right to choose to have an abortion is constitutionally protected, but abandoned Roe's trimester framework in favor of a standard based on fetal viability and overruled the strict scrutiny standard for reviewing abortion restrictions.[4][10]**

**On May 2, 2022, Politico obtained a leaked initial draft majority opinion penned by Justice Samuel Alito suggesting that the Supreme Court is prepared to overturn Roe and Casey in a pending final decision on Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization,[11] expected to be held by June 2022.[12] A press release from Chief Justice John Roberts issued on May 3, 2022 confirmed the authenticity of the leaked document, but stated that the draft "does not represent a decision by the Court or the final position of any member on the issues in the case".[13]**

**God believes in a woman's right to choose**

### **Genesis 3 New Living Translation**

1 The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" 2 "Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. 3 "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'" 4 "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. 5 "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil." 6 **The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.** 7 At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. 8 When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. 9 Then the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" 10 He replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked." 11 "Who told you that you were naked?" the Lord God asked. "Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it." 13 Then the Lord God asked the woman, "What have you done?" "The serpent deceived me," she replied. "That's why I ate it."

16 Then he said to the woman, "I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you." 17 And to the man he said, "Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. 18 It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains. 19 By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return."

### **Luke 1:26-38 GOD'S WORD Translation**

26 Six months after Elizabeth had become pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in Galilee. 27 The angel went to a virgin promised in marriage to a descendant of David named Joseph. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 When the angel entered her home, he greeted her and said, "You are favored by the Lord! The Lord is with you." 29 She was startled by what the angel said and tried to figure out what this greeting meant. 30 The angel told her, "Don't be afraid, Mary. You have found favor with God. 31 You will become pregnant, give birth to a son, and name him Jesus. 32 He will be a great man and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 Your son will be king of Jacob's people forever, and his kingdom will never end." 34 Mary asked the angel, "How can this be? I'm a virgin." 35 The angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come to you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy child developing inside you will be called the Son of God. 36 "Elizabeth, your relative, is six months pregnant with a son in her old age. People said she couldn't have a child. 37 But nothing is impossible for God." 38 Mary answered, **"I am the Lord's servant. Let everything you've said happen to me."** Then the angel left her.

### **Isaiah 59:7 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition**

Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood. Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; desolation and destruction are in their paths and highways.

**Sarah Weddington recruited Linda Coffee to help her with abortion litigation. Their first plaintiffs were a married couple; they joined after the woman heard Coffee give a speech.[34] The suit would claim that the woman needed to be able to have abortions, because the woman had a neurochemical disorder and should not give birth or raise children, they didn't want to abstain from sex, and contraception might fail.[34] The attorneys were concerned about standing since the woman was not pregnant. Weddington later wrote that they "needed to find a pregnant Texas woman who wanted an abortion and would be willing to be a plaintiff." [35] They also wanted to go forum shopping to improve their chances of winning in court. They wanted to have another case so that they would end up with different judges due to the rotating system used for assigning cases to judges. Then, if either received a particular judge who they thought would be sympathetic, they would ask to combine the cases.[35]**

### **Psalm 94:21 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition**

They band themselves together against the life of the [consistently] righteous and condemn the innocent to death.

**At first she was unsuccessful in finding a suitable pregnant woman.[36] In June 1969, 21-year-old Norma McCorvey discovered she was pregnant with her third child.[37]**

**Ordinarily, lawyers are not allowed to directly solicit clients without any prior relationship, but McCorvey's situation qualified for a loophole in the no**

**solicitation rule which allows lawyers to solicit new clients for public interest cases.[38] McCorvey asked if she had what was needed to be part of the Weddington and Coffee's lawsuit. She was told, "Yes. You're white. You're young, pregnant, and you want an abortion." [39]**

**The lawyers asked McCorvey if she thought abortion should be legal. McCorvey said she didn't know. Weddington told her, "It's just a piece of tissue. You just missed your period." This convinced McCorvey that abortion should be legal.[40] She agreed to let them represent her under the impression that she would be able to eventually get a legal abortion. [41] She smoked an illegal drug and drank wine so she wouldn't have to think about her pregnancy.[42] McCorvey gave birth to a daughter at Dallas Osteopathic Hospital on June 2, 1970; the baby was adopted by a couple in Texas.[43]**

### **What does God say? You can make a choice**

#### **Psalm 139:13-16 The Message**

13-16 Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother's womb. I thank you, High God—you're breathtaking!

Body and soul, I am marvelously made!

I worship in adoration—what a creation!

You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit,

how I was sculpted from nothing into something.

Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you,

The days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day.

#### **Jeremiah 1:4-5 Living Bible**

4 The Lord said to me, 5 "I knew you before you were formed within your mother's womb; before you were born I sanctified you and appointed you as my spokesman to the world."

### **What if we have already aborted a child?**

#### **1 John 1:8-9 Amplified Bible**

8 If we say we have no sin [refusing to admit that we are sinners], we delude ourselves and the truth is not in us. [His word does not live in our hearts.] 9 If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just [true to His own nature and promises], and will forgive our sins and cleanse us continually from all unrighteousness [our wrongdoing, everything not in conformity with His will and purpose].

#### **Psalm 127:3 Easy-to-Read Version**

Children are a gift from the Lord, a reward from a mother's womb.